

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION affirming support for increasing Taiwan's international space and participation in and contribution to the global community.

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SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

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Whereas, The Republic of China (Taiwan) has achieved economic and social stability, and in the last two decades has been lauded as a beacon of democracy for Asia, has dramatically improved its record on human rights, and has taken great steps forward to enter the world arena as a trusted partner;

Whereas, Indiana has a strong cultural and economic relationship with Taiwan, since establishing sister-state relations with Taiwan on November 6, 1979;

Whereas, Taiwan's absence from international organizations has impeded Taiwan's ability to respond to natural disasters like Typhoon Morakot, which struck Taiwan in the summer of 2009;

Whereas, The Taiwanese government is grateful for the assistance and condolences of the international community



in the wake of Typhoon Morakot in 2009, as dozens of international organizations and nations stepped up to help, including the United States, which supplied military equipment for rescue and recovery operations, the European Union, Japan, and the Chinese mainland;

Whereas, Aviation safety has become a major global concern since 2001, and Taiwan is a key air transport hub in the Asia-Pacific region, with over 1.35 million flights passing through the Taipei Flight Information Region, and has the world's 15th largest airport by cargo volume, Taoyuan International Airport; and

Whereas, The Taiwanese government has undertaken a policy of "flexible diplomacy" in its international relations, and a pragmatic approach to China, having completed a number of cross-strait liberalization measures, including regular, direct passenger flights between mainland China and Taiwan, and other goodwill measures, resulting in reciprocal gestures and rapprochement between Taipei and Beijing: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. The Indiana Senate affirms its support for the
2 participation of Taiwan in the International Civil Aviation Organization
3 to increase Taiwan's international space and contribution to the global
4 community, and supports Taiwan in its efforts to be recognized by
5 international organizations.

6 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
7 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Hillary Clinton, Secretary of State
8 of the United States; Executive Secretary Yvo de Boer of the
9 UNFCCC; Secretary General Raymond Benjamin of the ICAO; and the
10 Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Chicago, Illinois.

